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STATEMENT OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, Applicants have filed herewith the issue fee for a non-small entity (\$1330).

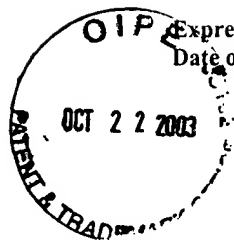
If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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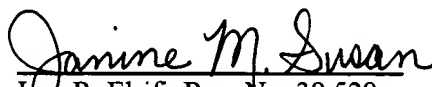
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- ☒ Statement of Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status; and
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